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McDowell Raps Idea of Secrecy

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WASHINGTON—U. S. Rep. Harris B. McDowell, Jr. (D-Del) said today he is opposed to any form of government secrecy or censorship.

The congressman repeated his position right in view of the "Cuban fiasco" and the launching Friday of the first U. S. man in space.

"IT HAS been suggested in some places," said McDowell, "that both of these events should have been conducted in strictest secrecy until we saw the results. Even if this were

possible, and even if some minor benefit could be shown, which I doubt, I would oppose the practice."

McDowell said he has renewed his request for a Joint Committee on Foreign Intelligence and Information "to provide congressional surveillance of the Central Intelligence Agency and other 'cloak-and-dagger' agencies of the federal government."

"Keeping the citizens of the United States in the dark will not win the cold war for us, but could very well increase the confusion and divide us in this time of peril.

"AS WE use the term cold war to describe the all-out conflict waged by Russian communism against the free world, we must realize that cold war has the same meaning for the Soviets as hot war. It means complete defeat of the United States and the subjugation of all peoples of the free world.

"Because of our strength and our position, and also because of our historic principles, we are the number one target of the Russians. To win the cold war we must remain free and to remain free we must have the facts."

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